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CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #2-3

September 28, 2004

TO: All Inspection Staff

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: WOODBURNERS IN SINGLE-FAMILY GARAGES

CODE REFERENCE: 1992 NFPA 211, Section 8-2.4

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR."

Because the City Attorney has determined that NHPI Inspectors do not have the authority to enforce the Fire Code, removal of solid fuel-burning appliances (wood stoves) from single-family garages shall be enforced by Fire Prevention. Upon receipt of a complaint, mail written orders for removal to the owner; attach a copy of the code. A re-inspection must be conducted within a reasonable period of time to determine if compliance has been met. If there are similar complaints about the same address at a later date, the area inspector will be paged to make a field observation of the burning and to issue a violation tag to the owner.

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